

2025 Year in review

Wall Committee

Laura and Scott Batchelor, T.J. and Tom Orr, along with Julia Butler, volunteered six times to clean up trash in front of Block 60's wall. They also painted over the graffiti on Block 60's wall.

At the east entrance, Tom Vilas and George Erdelyi replaced most of the tower bulbs, several lighting fixtures, and the flag pole light.

The damaged flower bed at the east entrance was repaired and two new bollards were installed.

Tom Vilas met with three different contractors to provide bids for stabilizing the perimeter wall. The overall consensus was that the wall actually needs to be replaced with cost estimates ranging from \$80,000 to \$145,000. All of the contractors explained that with costs continuing to fluctuate in the current economy, a realistic estimate for a future repair or replacement was impossible to give. Alternatives other than a block wall were also offered. These may prove to be less expensive than a block wall.

Several factors contribute to the deteriorating wall condition including it was not properly built in the first place. Water run off over the years has caused the ground supporting the wall to erode as well as trees being planted too close to the wall where now their roots are shifting the dirt underneath.

Because of cost, the wall will be monitored for emergency repairs if/as they arise. It was recommended that a reserve fund be established with the intent of the wall eventually be replaced.